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Cuban Exile Says Friction Foiled Duvalier Overthrow

Miami, Fla., Nov. 23 (AP)—A Cuban exile Napoleon Vilaboa, said tonight that a plot to invade Haiti and overthrow President Francois Duvalier fizzled after he withdrew as director of military operations in the movement.

Vilaboa said about 300 Cubans, 20 Haitians and 20 Americans were recruited in New York, New Jersey and Miami for the operation scheduled for last weekend.

Exiles Led By Priest

He said Haitian exiles led by a Catholic priest had raised a \$350,000 war chest for the venture. The priest was slated for the Haitian presidency, Vilaboa added.

"The invasion plan was to land at an isolated point on the Haitian coast and capture and hold several villages," the exile said.

Vilaboa was a captain in Fidel Castro's rebel army, participated in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, and later was a United States Marine lieutenant.

His withdrawal from the operation, Vilaboa said, stemmed from a disagreement with a Cuban exile whom Vilaboa described as or-

ganizer of the invasion movement.

"I was led to believe that the movement was supported by the United States Government," Vilaboa said.

He added that he and his military staff of five Cubans issued an ultimatum Sunday to the organizer demanding full military authority in the invasion and a written promise to be allowed anti-Castro bases in Haiti.

"There demands were refused, so we quit," Vilaboa said.

Ultimatum Issued

He asserted that the organizer earlier had told him that he had "an enormous green light" with United States authorities, and that they would not stop the invasion from being launched from Miami.

"This did not turn out to be the case," he added.

The organizer, a controversial figure among Cuban exiles, was identified as a confidante of Fulgencio Batista, the dictator overthrown in 1959 by Castro. Vilaboa said the man had a private army called Los Tigres (The Tigers).